

### **Minnesota Department of Transportation**

District 1 - Duluth

# INFORMATION SHEET Public Meeting

**PROJECT NUMBER:** S.P. 6914-19 Hwy 37 (Hwy 53 to Hwy 135)

**MEETING LOCATION:** City Hall – City of Gilbert

**DATE / TIME:** December 7, 2017, 5:30pm

 Meeting Purpose – Gather public input on project alternatives. MnDOT project extends through downtown Gilbert and this is the opportunity to address any safety concerns or make any changes to the roadway layout.

## II. Programmed Project Work

- Highway Pavement Resurfacing, culvert replacements and Storm Sewer Repairs
- ADA Improvements Ramps and Spot Sidewalk Repair, Pedestrian Route extension to Alaska Avenue
- Geometric Improvements Right Turn Lanes at Circle drive, Deerwood Drive, West French Avenue, and Sta. 44 Road (West Connection). Construct Bypass Lane at County Road 97
- City Utility Upgrades/Repairs Sanitary Sewer, Water and Storm sewer
- Schedule:
  - Bid opening November 2019 with construction starting the spring of 2020 and completed the fall of 2020
- Current Budget: \$5.4 million

#### III. Complete Streets

- What is Complete Streets? Who is involved?
- Goal was to meet with City Staff in Fall 2017 to discuss Complete Streets vision for TH 37. Travel Lanes, Parking, Plantings, Bumpouts, Lighting, Amenities, other
- Work Completed during Fall 2017:
  - Series of 3 meetings with City Staff and MnDOT Landscape Architect: Sept. 13, Oct. 3 and Oct. 23
  - ADA Field Walk on Oct. 25
  - Evaluation of existing condition
  - Discussion of City desires on TH 37 visioning
  - Development of project alternatives in urban section
    - Variations considered include:
      - Reducing travel lanes
      - Adding bikeway striping
      - Adding center medians
      - Construction of bumpouts at select intersections
- IV. Layout Options (Layouts & Typicals available on project website)
  - Concept 1 "Minimum" (Typical A & B)
    - Existing roadway lane configuration
    - Bumpouts at select locations
  - Concept 2 "Reduced Thru Lane" (Typical C & D)
    - Reduced Roadway Width from Kansas to New York
    - Existing roadway width unchanged from New York to TH 135
    - Thru lane reduced to 1
    - Remove median (Florida to New York)

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- Addition of Center-Left-Turn through all of town
- Dedicated Bike Lane through town
- Added Median Reduced access to Kansas Ave.
  - Item of Concern 'Oversized Vehicle Passage'
- Bumpouts at select locations
- Concept 3 "Residential" (Typical E & A)
  - Kansas to Nebraska
    - Bumpouts at select locations
    - Thru lane reduced to 1
    - · Raised median with dedicated left turn uphill
    - Added Median Reduced access to Kansas Ave.
      - Item of Concern 'Oversized Vehicle Passage
  - Nebraska to TH 135
    - Existing roadway lane configuration
    - Bumpouts at select locations
- Concept 4 "Combo" (Typical F & A)
  - Kansas to Nebraska Similar to concept #2
    - Reduced Roadway Width
    - Thru lane reduced to 1
    - Remove median (Florida to New York)
    - Addition of Center-Left-Turn
    - Added Median Reduced access to Kansas Ave.
      - Item of Concern 'Oversized Vehicle Passage'
    - No bike lane
    - Bumpouts at select locations
  - Nebraska to TH 135 Same as concept #1
    - Bumpouts at select locations

#### V. Other

- Permitting Oversized Loads
- Cost Participation
- Right of Way Temporary Easement

#### VI. Next Steps

- Based on input, develop construction cost estimates for each and define city contribution
- Finalize alternative selection (Goal of Jan. 2018)
- Proceed to project design

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